



CHAPTER 30 MONTGOMERY GI BILL® – ACTIVE DUTY (MGIB-AD) – PLUS UP INFORMATION

What is Plus Up?

Chapter 30 offers Service Members the option of electing to make additional contributions to the program, thus allowing them to receive additional funds on top of their regular Chapter 30 payments. This portion of the program is referred to as “Plus Up”.

Plus Up allows contributions to be made in increments of \$20; however interested Soldiers are strongly encouraged to make a single lump sum payment of \$600 in order to maximize benefit payments.

How does it work?

For every \$20 contributed, the VA will increase the Soldier’s monthly payment by \$5. A full \$600 contribution will increase a Soldier’s monthly payment by \$150. Soldier’s electing to contribute the full \$600 into Plus Up will receive a total increased monetary amount of \$5,400 (if all 36 months of benefit are used).

Benefit payments for less than full-time enrollment into an approved program are pro-rated and outlined on the VA’s website under “CH 30 Plus Up”.

What is the downside of Plus Up?

The downside to Plus Up is that it is non-refundable and thus the Service Member loses their additional contributions if they later decide to revoke their benefits under Chapter 30 to the Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) GI Bill®.

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